DISRUPTION OF MUNICIPAL TEACHING DUE TO PANDEMIC

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- 22.000 inhabitants in 2 towns and countryside.

- Eastern neighbour to Helsinki.

- Bilingual 64% finnish, 30% swedish, 6% other.

- 3.000 pupils.

- Municipal budget 170 M€.

- Personnel 1.300

Yesterday (pre-pandemic)

- Municipal project EduIT active since over 10 years.

- Teachers and pupils have had continuous learning in digital techniques and tools.

- Grades 4-9 with Cromebook and G Suite learning platform.

- Digital learning material, courses, events as part of on-site tuition.

- Usage varying depending on school and teacher.

Today (pandemic)

- Temporary national law to allow distance tuition.

- All pupils have Cromebooks.

- Executing existing and tested practices in every school.

- We've had on-site teaching, distance education and a week by week hybrid model.

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Today (experiences)

- Theory lessons work fine, hands-on tuition challenging.

- Keeping a normal curriculum is essential for keeping the pupils in proper daily rhythm.

- Distance learning increases the gap between pupil performance.

- Distance learning socially challenging for most pupils.

- Obligatory school lunch very challenging to organize.

Tomorrow (post-pandemic) – assumptions/questions

- Return to on-site tuition but keep high level of digital skills and equipment.
- Consequences of the pandemic on national education law?
- More hybrid type of education?
- Increased digital communication with parents likely.
- For rural areas possibly combination of on-site and distance days (with parent approval).
- Municipal cooperation in distance education for rare topics, like certain languages or religions or when difficult to recruit competent teachers.
- More collaboration between teachers in producing course material.

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